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Remarks:

1. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,419,199 B1 to Skofljanec et al.

a. Regarding claim 1, applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitation of now canceled claim 3. The Examiner has indicated that claim 3 is allowable if the limitations of claim 1 are combined with claim 3. For at least these reasons, applicants contend that amended claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

b. Claims 2, and 4 - 15 all depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reasons cited above, applicants contend that claims 2 and 4 - 15 are in condition for allowance.

2. Claims 19-28 are already allowed.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the instant application.

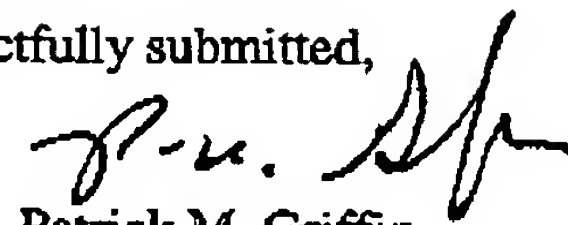
Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance and look forward to a timely Notice of Allowance.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0831 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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